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San Francisco Bay/Delta: the State is planning a significant change in direction for its draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), substantially scaling back the project, eliminating the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to focus on water supply via “twin Delta tunnels”, a stand-alone project. The joint federal/state approach of the past 9 years had sought to achieve both ecosystem restoration and water supply goals. **We understand that Governor Brown wants to meet with you, Secretary Jewell and Secretary Pritzker (Commerce) next week to discuss this next week.** The Governor may ask for EPA’s buy-in for both the newly-defined project and for the creative approach they have outlined for NEPA compliance. Following EPA’s August 2014 NEPA comments on the DEIS, we have not yet seen any text reflecting the planned changes, we have only discussed this major change and how it will be reflected in the NEPA Supplemental. Moreover, we have only recently been given permission by the State to discuss the proposal with staff. We’ll continue to working cooperatively with the project proponents at all levels. We will provide you with additional talking points if your meeting with the Governor is confirmed. On a related matter, thanks for your positive comments in responding to Rep. Calvert’s BDCP comments at your budget hearing last week.

Nevada: Today I am presenting MGM Resorts an award for their outstanding performance in EPA’s Food Recovery Challenge for national and regional excellence. In 2013, 11 of their resorts diverted a total of 25,398 tons of food waste from landfill, a 50% increase over 2012. The GHG savings for their diversion efforts are estimated at 23,042 MTCO₂E. I then joined the NDEP Administrator, and the NV Assistant Attorney General to tour the largest US perchlorate cleanup in Henderson, NV. We visited a major source area where perchlorate leaked through concrete basements that served as sumps when perchlorate was produced at the facility, and the groundwater extraction and treatment system that has greatly reduced perchlorate entering the Las Vegas Wash over the past decade.

Tribes: I will meet with the Havasupai Tribal Council March 9. Situated in the lowest reaches of the Grand Canyon, the Havasupai reservation is the most remote tribal community in our Region.

California UIC Program: We are continuing discussions with DOGGR and the CA State Water Board regarding their recent plan for bringing the Class II UIC Program into compliance. We will respond to the State prior to their Legislative oversight hearings March 10, with a compliance schedule with specific deadlines and interim milestones for State actions. We will brief Stan M on March 9. We will join the State Division of Oil and Gas and the State Water Board at a public workshop on aquifer exemptions March 24 in Long Beach.

100% Recycled Paper Initiative: we're working with the State of Hawaii to update their office supply contract to include or default to 100% postconsumer recycled paper. Hawaii currently purchases over \$2.3 million of 30% recycled copy paper/year. The state's office paper vendor, Office Depot, is working with the paper manufacturer to supply lower-cost 100% recycled paper, and proposed piloting a cost-saving option of shifting to both 100% recycled copy paper and recharged toner cartridges. If we can do this in Hawaii, can we not do this via the pending Executive Order for federal agencies?

American Samoa: we will host visits from one of our communities of focus, American Samoa. The Executive Director of American Samoa Power Authority and the Deputy Director of American Samoa EPA will meet with us on use of SRF funds, on how we can improve drinking water, and make progress on our Communities plan re climate change, renewable energy, and electric vehicles.